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Queens Summer Vocal Institute presents

Opera Division Showcase

Friday, August 2, 2024 • 7PM
LeFrak Concert Hall • Aaron Copland School of Music
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Cris Frisco, Pianist

Joy DelGiorno
"Dich, teure Halle"
Tannhaüser by Richard Wagner

Elizabeth Neumeyer
"Must the winter come so soon?"
Vanessa by Samuel Barber

Aedri Stafford
"Una donna a quindici anni"
Così fan Tutte by W. A. Mozart

Emily Perry
"Ach, ich fühl's"
Die Zauberflöte by W. A. Mozart

Joshua Myers
"Lonely House"
Street Scene by Kurt Weill

Kirsten Tierney
"Vedrai, carino"
Don Giovanni by W. A. Mozart

Alyssa Mener
"O wär ich schon"
Fidelio by Ludwig van Beethoven

Morghan Pastrana
"Il faut partir"
La fille du régiment by Gaetano Donizetti

Zhiqi Cynthia Dai
"It's my wedding"
The Enchanted Pig by Jonathan Dove

Haruka Kondo
"Batti, batti"
Don Giovanni by W. A. Mozart

Theodore Bazin
"Bella siccome un angelo"
Don Pasquale by Gaetano Donizetti

Maya Mesh
"Porgi, amor"
Le nozze di Figaro by W. A. Mozart

Juney Li
"Be Kind and Courteous"
A Midsummer Night's Dream by Benjamin Britten

Kate Bishop
"Acerba voluttà"
Adriana Lecouvreur by Francesco Cilea

Matteo Adams
"Addio, fiorito asil"
Madama Butterfly by Giacomo Puccini

- Pause -

Daphne Buan
"Tornami a vagheggiar"
Alcina by George Frideric Händel

Lucie Freeman
"Allez, laissez-moi seul"
Cendrillon by Jules Massenet

Sarah Pajonas
"Que fais-tu, blanche tourtetelle"
Romeo et Juliette by Charles Gounod

Tiana White
Embroidery Aria
Peter Grimes by Benjamin Britten

Molly Nemirow
"Il segreto per esser felici"
Lucrezia Borgia by Gaetano Donizetti

Peter J. Osterman
Bob's Aria
The Old Maid and the Thief by Gian Carlo Menotti

Zhe Nancy Xiong
Ice Cube Aria
If I Were You by Jake Heggie

Woojin Dong
"Ecco, ridente in cielo"
Il barbiere di Siviglia by Gioachino Rossini

Cassidy Cheong
"Adieu, notre petite table"
Manon by Jules Massenet

Jinping Li
Mariettas Lied
Die tote Stadt by Erich Wolfgang Korngold

Quinlan Sellars
"Vecchia zimarra, senti"
La bohéme by Giacomo Puccini

Karen Wemhoener
Vera's Aria
A Month in the Country by Lee Hoiby

Katherine Clifford
"Una voce poco fa"
Il barbiere di Siviglia by Gioachino Rossini

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A Night of Art Song

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Cris Frisco, Pianist

Rashida Ashley
"Chanson d'amour"
by Gabriel Fauré

Julia Ching
"Soupir"
by Henri Duparc

Dylan Turicek
"Chanson triste"
by Henri Duparc

Matthew Davidson
"Nina"
attr. Giovanni Battista Pergolesi

Diana Vacca
"Amorosi miei giorni"
by Stefano Donaudy

Alexander Cunningham
"Marechiare"
by Francesco Paolo Tosti

Yanitza Lee
"Serenata gitana"
by Miguel Sandoval

Jayde Molfetto
"Will There Really Be a Morning?"
by Richard Hundley

Michelle Menezes
"The Lass from the Low Countree"
by John Jacob Niles

Bethany Wright
"The Lake Isle of Inisfree"
by Ben Moore

Mica Woodburn
"Love's Philosophy"
by Roger Quilter

Sophia Mura
"Down by the Salley Gardens"
by Rebecca Clarke

Narissa Nagee
"Solveig's Song"
by Edvard Grieg

Emma Mellone
"An die Nachtigall"
by Franz Schubert

Maya Villanueva
"Die Lotosblume"
by Robert Schumann

Jeanete A. González
"Vergebliches Ständchen"
by Johannes Brahms

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WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7 @ 7:30PM
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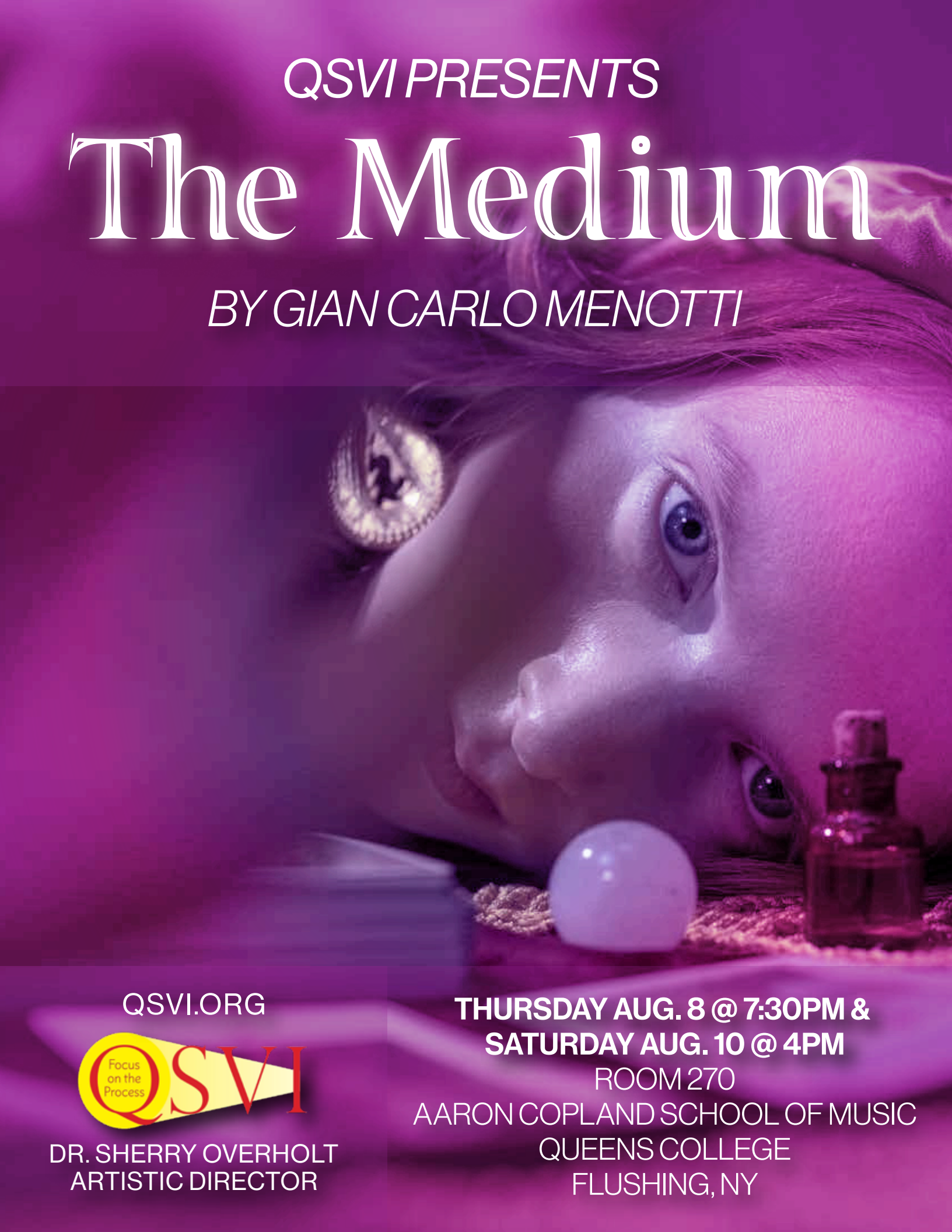
The Medium

BY GIAN CARLO MENOTTI



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THURSDAY AUG. 8 @ 7:30PM &
SATURDAY AUG. 10 @ 4PM
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FRIDAY AUG. 9 @ 7PM &
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QSVI Gala Concert

FEATURING PIANISTS RON LAND, ELAINE SMITH PURCELL & MORE

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